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SMALL ENTITY DECLARATION  
(37 CFR 1.9(c-f))

Each undersigned declares that:

- (1) ☐ the application filed herewith: U.S. Serial No. 09/509,853  
(2) ☒ U.S. Application issued From PCT/FR98/02112 filed October 2, 1998;  
(3) ☐ U.S. Patent No. \_\_\_\_\_ issued \_\_\_\_\_;

is entitled to the benefits of "small entity" status for paying reduced fees under 35 USC 41(a) and (b) to the Patent and Trademark Office by virtue of one of the following:

(4) ☐ The undersigned inventor(s) declares that he/she qualifies as an independent inventor, or would qualify had he/she made the invention, as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(c).

(5) ☒ The undersigned declares that he/she is an official empowered to act on behalf of the small business concern identified below; that this concern qualifies as a small business concern as defined in 37 CFR 1.9 (d).

(6) ☐ The undersigned declares that he/she is an official empowered to act on behalf of the non-profit organization identified below; that this organization qualifies as a nonprofit organization as defined in

- (a) ☐ 37 CFR 1.9(e)(1)  
(b) ☐ 37 CFR 1.9(e)(2)  
(c) ☐ 37 CFR 1.9(e)(3)  
(d) ☐ 37 CFR 1.9(e)(4)

State Law of \_\_\_\_\_

(7) Each person, concern, or organization to which I/we have assigned, granted, conveyed, or licensed, or am/are under an obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey, or license any rights in the invention is listed below:

- (a) ☐ no such person, concern, or organization  
(b) ☐ persons, concerns or organizations listed below

**NOTE:** A separate declaration is required from each named person, concern, or organization having rights to this invention averring its status as a "small entity."

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Individual ☐ Small Business Concern ☐ Nonprofit Organization

I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement of small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. (37 CFR 1.28(B))

I hereby declare all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issued thereon, or any patent to which this declaration is directed.

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(9) FONDERIE DE GENTILLY  
Name of Small Business Concern or Nonprofit Organization

Jacques DELEVORE By [Signature] 12/06/2000  
Typed Name Signature Date

Président Directeur Général  
Title of Signatory